GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2314
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COLD STORAGE
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;BISHNU PADA RAY;PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAJO SINGH;RAM SINGH KASWAN;T.T.V. DHINAKARAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the cold storages are geared or designed for a particular product and the products are kept for a limited period only;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to modify the existing cold storages to be utilized for different products so that to increase shelf life of perishable items like fruits and vegetables;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of projects for construction of cold storages sanctioned in the country particularly Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Orissa, Bihar and Madurai and Peria Kulam regions of Tamil Nadu at present, State-wise; and

(e) the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): As per the Report of the High Level Expert Committee on Cold Storages and Storages(February, 1999), out of 3443 cold store units set up by the end of 1998, 2012 units were meant for potato, 447 units for multi-purpose use and only 198 for fruits and vegetables. It was estimated that about 92% of the total capacity was being utilized exclusively for storage of potatoes. Storage period differs from product to product and season to season during the year. However, potato is kept in cold storages for 6 to 8 months.

In order to give major thrust to the cold storage industry, the Government has introduced a new scheme namely, ` Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of ColdStorages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` during December, 1999, which is being implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).Under the above mentioned scheme, back-ended subsidy is also provided for expansion or modernization of existing cold storages besides new construction. The said scheme envisages construction of multi-chamber and multi-product cold storages under which back ended subsidy is provided to the eligible beneficiaries.

Under the Scheme, 440 cold storages have been sanctioned in the country as on 12.2.2002 witheligible subsidy of Rs.12889.00 Lakhs. State-wise details of cold storage projects sanctioned and the total eligible subsidy is given in the Annexure. Out of the 16 projects sanctioned for the state of Tamil Nadu, four cold storage projects have been sanctioned in Madurai. The scheme is demand based and the proposals to set up cold storages have to come from eligible beneficiaries.

DETAILS OF COLD STORAGE PROJECTS SANCTIONED STATE-WISE, UNDER THE `CAPITAL INVESTMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION/ EXPANSION/MODERNIZATION OF COLD STORAGES AND STORAGE FOR HORTICULTURE PRODUCE` AS ON 12.2.2002.

(RS. IN LAKHS)

NAME OF STATE/UNION TERRITORY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED	ELIGIBLE SUBSIDY
Gujarat	41	1000.73
Orissa	5	0170.53

Madhya Pradesh	27	0693.14
Chatisgarh	10	0338.45
Andhra Pradesh	27	1118.77
Maharashtra	22	0635.15
Punjab	31	0785.68
Haryana	19	0596.06
Tamil Nadu	16	0454.21
Assam	5	0229.81
Himachal Pradesh	1	0012.07
Rajasthan	26	0812.02
Uttar Pradesh	158	4851.72
Karnataka	14	0472.98
Bihar	10	0218.23
Tripura	1	0040.00
West Bengal	23	0415.78
Delhi	3	0041.76
Kerala	1	0002.00

TOTAL	440	12889.09